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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 30, 1975.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, SPOKESMAN GAVE FOLLOWING REPLIES:

1. REVOCATION OF EXPORT LICENSES ON BOEING AIRCRAFT FOR
ANGOLA AIRLINE: COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, ACTING AT STATE
DEPARTMENT REQUEST, REVOKED EXPORT LICENSE FOR TWO BOEING
737S PURCHASED BY ANGOLAN AIRLINE. REVOCATION PROHIBITED
EXPORT ONLY, NOT SALE. ACTION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE OF OUR
BELIEF THERE WAS LIKELIHOOD PLANES WOULD BE USED TO TRANS-
PORT ARMS OR TROOPS IN CONNECTION WITH ANGOLA FIGHTING, AS
OTHER AIRCRAFT OF THIS AIRLINE HAVE BEEN USED IN PAST. WE
HAVE PERMITTED TRAINING BY BOEING OF ANGOLAN PILOTS AND CREW
TO CONTINUE AND HAVE TOLD AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES WE HOPE TO
PERMIT EXPORT OF PLANES WHEN SITUATION IN ANGOLA NORMALIZES.

2. SOVIET-TURKISH COMMUNIQUE (AFTER KOSYGIN VISIT TO
ANKARA): WE HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY YET TO EXAMINE DETAILS
OF COMMUNIQUE BUT NATURE OF WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED APPEARS TO
CENTER ON CONTINUATION OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES. WE
SEE NOTHING IN THAT TO CONTRADICT TURKEY'S SECURITY TIES WITH
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